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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly preliminarily amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 19. Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A polypeptide pair comprising a first polypeptide immobilised to a support, and a second polypeptide bound to the first polypeptide, wherein

[7.] the binding of the polypeptides is detectable, and

[8.] modification of at least one of the polypeptides results in modulation of the binding.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are now pending in the application.

The Asst. Commissioner for patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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